



Christ Church St. James

As a church, the Lord is calling us deeper into prayer. One way we can respond to this call is by praying together more. While we can't always be in the same room, we are always united by the Holy Spirit and we can join our hearts in prayer regardless of distance. You can use the below prayers throughout the day and draw closer to God.

9 am/Morning:

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. We pray for the flourishing of Christ Church St James and ask that through its ministries and outreaches the community around may flourish also. We pray for our outreach bases in coffee shops, our support of The Dale Ministries, the food bank, TNT, and our ministry in the Keele Correctional Center, asking you that they be places of encounter with You and a haven of hope and restoration for many. Amen.

God of renewal, we pray for the continued spiritual and numerical growth of our CCSJ community. May we be found faithful by you: in how we welcome the stranger, the refugee, the broken, the lonely and the lost. Give us boldness in living out your gospel in this area of our city, and may your name be glorified in all that we do. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Noon/Mid-Day:

Blessed Saviour, at this hour you hung upon the cross, stretching out your loving arms. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

Christ be with us, Christ within us, Christ behind us, Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ to win us, Christ to comfort and restore us. Christ beneath us, Christ above Us, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love Us, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen.

Eternal God, the Light of the minds that know You, the Joy of the hearts that love You, and the Strength of the wills that serve You: we humbly ask that by Your mighty power You would draw people to Yourself at CCSJ. May our parish be moved by what moves Your heart. Strengthen us. Empower us. Enlarge our hearts. Breathe new life in us. Save us from growing weary in well doing. May we be steadfast in our faith, immovable in our dedication, always abounding in the work of the Lord, to Your praise and honour. May Your joy be our strength. Amen.

7 pm/Evening:

Heavenly Father, fill our hearts and give us peace this evening. Give us strength to care for those around us. May our daily decisions be marked by a desire to reflect your hopes for our world. Deepen our sense of compassion and equip us to love you and to love others. We pray now for people in our lives who don't know your love and mercy...*[name those that you know who don't know Jesus]*. Draw them to the knowledge of you by your Holy Spirit. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Loving Father, before the ending of the day, we pray that You, with steadfast love, would keep Your watch around us while we sleep. From evil dreams defend our sight, from fears and terrors of the night; Tread underfoot our deadly foe that we no sinful thought may know. O Father, this we ask to be done through Jesus Christ, your only Son; and Holy Spirit, by whose breath our souls are raised to life from death. Amen.

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. Amen."

A Prayer of Thanks:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.